

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) An animal coat comprising:
 - two side portions arranged to hang down from the animal's back alongside respective sides of the animal's body;
 - a neck opening defined by said side portions, and arranged to engage around the animal's neck; and
 - two leg holders, each secured to an inner face of the coat at the rear part of a respective one of the side portions, and arranged to receive a respective hind leg of the animal, such that the coat is secured in place by the neck opening engaging around the animal's neck and the two leg holders receiving the hind legs of the animal, leaving the coat unsecured to the front legs of the animal.
2. (original) An animal coat according to claim 1, wherein the leg holders are above the lower level of said side portions.
3. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 1, wherein each of the leg holders is continuous.
4. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 1, wherein each of the leg holders is of stretch material.
5. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 1, wherein each of the leg holders has a depth that is 10% or more of the maximum circumference of the leg holder.
6. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 1, wherein each of the leg holders has a depth that is at least 8, 10 or 12% of the maximum circumference of the leg holder.

7. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 1, wherein each of the leg holders has a depth that is 30% or less of the maximum circumference of the leg holder.
8. (original) An animal coat according to claim 7, wherein the depth of each of the leg holders is at most 30, 25 or 20% of the maximum circumference of the leg holder.
9. (original) An animal coat according to claim 8, wherein the depth of each of the leg holders is in the range 12 to 18% of the maximum circumference of the leg holder.
10. (original) An animal coat according to claim 9 10, wherein the depth of each of the leg holders is 15% of the maximum circumference of the leg holder.
11. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 1, further comprising closure means for joining said two side portions such that the coat may be opened and closed to facilitate fitting of the coat.
12. (cancelled)
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15. (cancelled)
16. (previously presented) A method of fitting an animal coat according to claim 1, the method comprising the steps of measuring dimensions of an animal, transferring those dimensions to a pattern, making an animal coat from that pattern, and fitting the coat to an animal.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 1, further comprising means for retaining at least one of said side portions in a raised position and releasing that side portion to a lowered position.

20. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 19, wherein said retaining means comprises a plurality of tapes secured to the coat and means for securing said tapes in a position in which said at least one side portion is in a raised position.

21. (previously presented) An animal coat according to claim 19, wherein said retaining means is arranged to retain both of said side portions in raised positions and to release said side portions to lowered positions.